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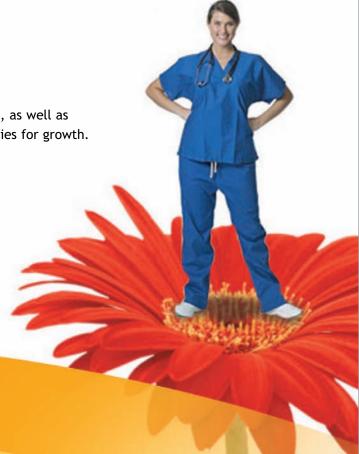
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You can access this new service by navigating to the IPLA web-site, http://www.in.gov/pla/, and clicking on the link to "License Litigation". Persons performing a license search under "License Express" are able to link directly to the license litigation system when a practitioner has disciplinary information available.

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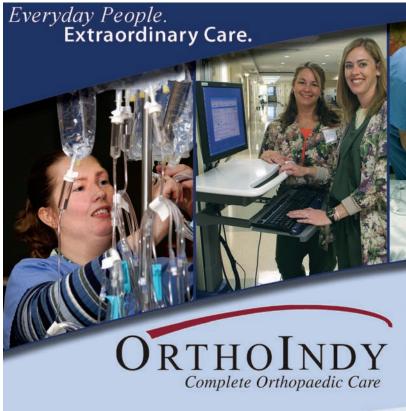
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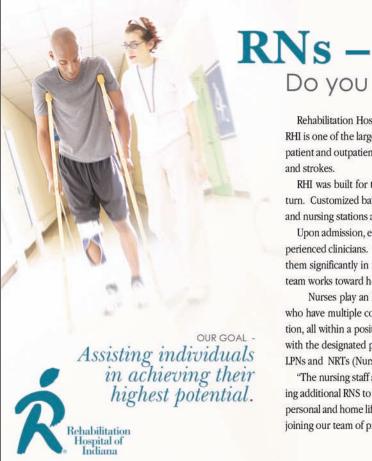
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A special place to care.

When you step through the front door of St. Vincent Children's Hospital, you know immediately you're in a special place—dedicated solely to caring for, treating, and comforting children. The building, just four years old, is bright and colorful throughout, patient rooms are private and come with TVs and DVDs, and families are always welcome and included. Not only that, we have both inside/outside playrooms as well as a teen lounge.

"As a hospital, we are guided by our Catholic tradition, and the professional home to some exceptional people," says Sheila Zimmerman, Pediatric Emergency Department Director, "For our nurses, caring for children is more than their job. It's their mission."

St. Vincent Children's Hospital is not just an inspiring place to work. It's also a professionally exciting place to grow a career. With highly-trained professionals on staff, and units that are specially equipped and suited to children, nurses have everything they need to learn and grow professionally.

A higher level of expertise.

St. Vincent Children's technologically advanced Pediatric Emergency Department provides a friendly atmosphere and child-sized equipment, as well as kids' games, private rooms, two radiology suites, a pediatric pharmacist, social workers, volunteers, and a chaplain.

Staffed 24 hours a day by physicians and respiratory therapists specially trained in pediatric intensive care, the PICU is a 15-bed unit that includes two extracorporeal membrane oxygenation rooms, and offers a one-to-one or one-to-two patient-to-nurse ratio, depending on the severity of the illness.

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Partnership and respect.

One of the first things most nurses notice when they join the team is that it is indeed a team—a collaborative effort to provide best care and achieve best outcomes for patients. There is genuine appreciation for the many contributions the nurses make, and respect for them as professionals.

"When nurses join the St. Vincent Children's Hospital team, they can't say enough about our work environment," says Beth Harrison, Human Resources Business Consultant, "especially the opportunity to partner with the physician—and the entire care team—to provide the very best care. They appreciate that physicians know them by first names, and that they have sufficient time to spend with patients and families."



Opportunities to learn and grow.

According to Stephanie Tooley, Director of Pediatric Nursing, "There's a strong focus on professional development for nurses here—especially through our Clinical Advancement Program, which encourages nurses to participate in projects and review clinical outcomes. It really raises the bar in terms of clinical expertise."

Professional development is an exciting part of nursing at St.Vincent Children's. Beyond the learning that comes with new challenges, new techniques, and new technologies, the hospital offers doc talks, best practices seminars, onsite continuing education classes, tuition assistance, and an excellent scholarship program.

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St. Vincent Children's nurses know they can always count on the Hospitalists and PICU Intensivists, who are on-hand 24 hours a day to answer questions, monitor patients, and take immediate action, when necessary. Child Life Services is staffed with experts in child development who help provide support and create a positive healthcare experience for patients.



Nursing leadership is another solid source of support. "I think our nurses really see their leadership at work to advance nursing," says Sheila Zimmerman. "We bring their input when we meet with physicians and committees. I act as their representative, figure out the challenges they face, and break down barriers they encounter."

Satisfaction at the end of the day.

A pediatrics career at St. Vincent Children's Hospital offers a variety of satisfying and rewarding career choices, including emergency, PICU, outpatient clinic, medical/surgical, rehabilitation, and more.

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- •Have someone who will take the time to listen to us
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- •Know all of our choices regarding medical care
- •Know everything that is or will be happening to us
- •Ask for help whenever we feel we need it
- •Wear comfortable clothing whenever possible
- •Become educated about our illness
- •Share our thoughts and opinions



STUDENT NURSES AND NCLEX

State Boards!

That final test of your nursing program the looms in your horizon and seems to get bigger as you approach the last semester of your final year. Suddenly more students are asking me how to prepare for the "Boards". This is what I tell them.

First of all you have been studying for this test all along. If you have worked hard at understanding the concepts presented in your texts, class and clinical you are well on your way to passing NCLEX. The test is based on the knowledge and activities of the entry level nurse. The primary purpose is to assure the public that you are a safe and effective nurse. It is not looking to see if you know everything about nursing. A student that graduated last year just told me she thinks she has learned more in the past nine months than she did in all of nursing. At least it feels that way at this point.



Secondly, students that come to me with this question early in the course of study, I suggest that you get an NCLEX Review book or CD and go through the questions on pediatrics while they are in the peds course. I tell them, "You will find questions on topics we never cover in class and you will probably find them more interdisciplinary in nature". An example may be a question involving a diabetic 18 year old just returning from a C-section. Is this a medical, surgical, pediatric, or an obstetrics question? Also, doing the appropriate NCLEX review questions while in a course gives you the opportunity to ask questions of your professor on areas not covered in class or that you don't understand.

Finally, if you find yourself ready to graduate and haven't been able to do the above, you can, and probably should, still do several things. There are all types of review courses you can purchase. Try to find one that helps you think how to answer questions, not just a review to help you remember more facts. Also, Two or three of you can agree to buy a different NCLEX review book, and every week or two exchange the books till you have gone through every book and have looked at every question and understand why the one answer was the best answer. At a meeting I went to several years ago, a speaker said that if a student goes through 5000 review questions prior to taking boards there is a very high possibility they will pass.





Plan on spending two to three hours on NCLEX review at least 5 days a week for a month prior to taking the exam. This should get you to the "I can do this" stage. Plan on taking the NCLEX exam about a month after

graduation and don't put it off more than three months. The longer you put it off the more studying you will need to prepare for the exam. Another type of question that comes to the Board around NLEX testing time is how to answer the five questions all of you need to answer when you apply to take the test. That DUI or shoplifting episode in your past needs to be reported with a "YES" at the appropriate place. . To speed up the process, send a letter right away explaining the event to the best of your knowledge. Depending on the type or number of events, you may have to appear before the Board to explain the situation further. The Board may decide that, in order to be sure we protect the public, certain actions may be required before you can get that license. You will find those same five questions need to be answered every time you renew your license. At the renewal times, you need to answer for the past two years. Being a nurse is a 24/7 occupation and a sacred privilege. What you do away from work can, and does, influence the type of nurse you are at your workplace. We need to be sure you are safe. That is the mandate of the Board and, I am sure, your desire as well.

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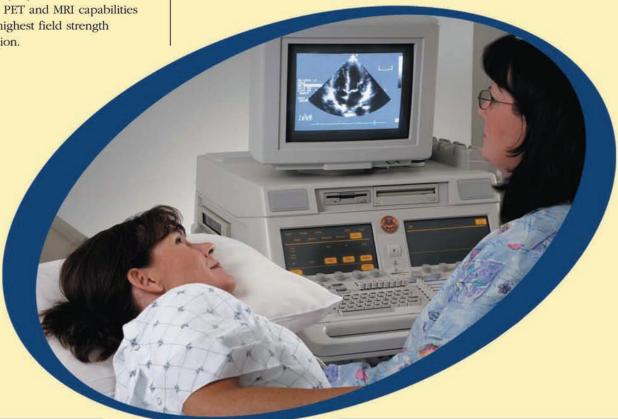
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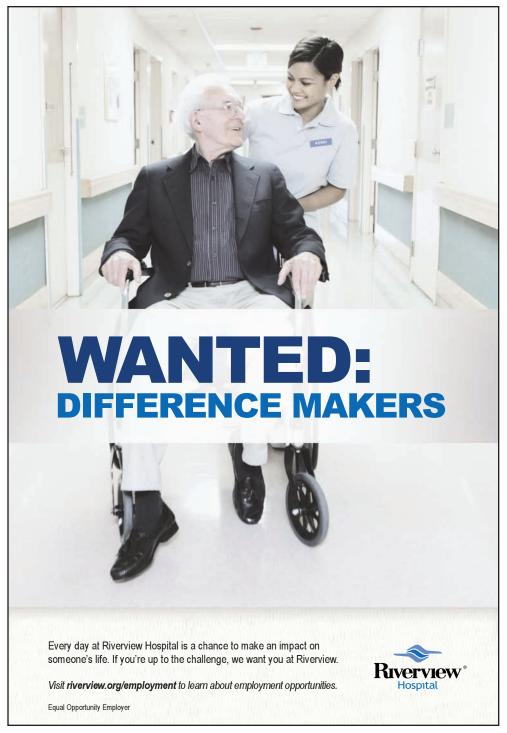
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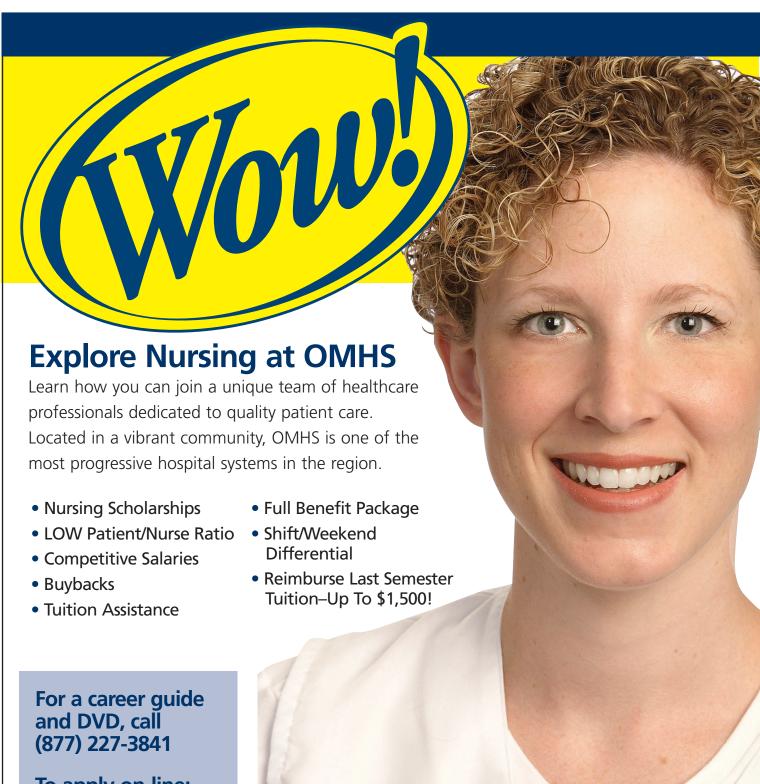
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The 2007 meetings will be held in the Auditorium of the Conference Center, Indiana Government Center South Building, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. If you have any questions about attending a meeting you may contact the Board at (317) 234-2043 or via e-mail at pla2@pla.in.gov

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Disciplinary Actions

Indefinite Suspension—Indefinitely prohibited from practicing for a specified minimum period of time.

Indefinite Probation—License is placed on probation for a specified minimum period of time with terms and conditions.

Renewal Denied—The Nurses license will not be renewed therefore, she/he does not have a license to practice in Indiana.

Summary Suspension—Immediate threat to the public health and safety should they be allowed to continue to prac-

tice. Issued for a period of ninety (90) days but can be renewed with Board approval.

Letter of Reprimand—Letter issued by the Board to the Nurse indicating that what she/he did was wrong.

Revoked—An individual whose license has been revoked may not apply for a new license until seven (7) years after the date of revocation

CEU's—Continuing Education Credits

Fine—Disciplinary fee Imposed by the Board.

Censure—A verbal reprimand given by the Board.

Discipline for the previous quarter will be printed in each magazine addition in the future. Changes may occur before printing so the most accurate discipline information should be obtained on the license search feature of our

website at www.pla.in.gov.

December 14, 2006 Board Meeting

NAME

License Number Board Action Taken

Administrative Hearings

Lori Roller	27039286A	Letter of Reprimand & CEU's	
Shawn Elaine Windle	28138098A	Indefinite Suspension, CEU's	
		& \$250.00 Fin	
Jill Rae Werlinger	28126503A	Indefinite Probation & \$750.00 Fine	
Cynthia Ann Fuller	27036515A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Patti Brunk	28124110A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Pamela Roberts	27050990A	Indefinite Suspension, CEU's	
		& \$750.00 Fine	
Tina Lynn Flickner		Summary Suspension	
Gari Miller	28119716A	Indefinite Probation	
Amy Hughes	28133711A	Indefinite Probation	
Sherry Lynn Robertson	28097610A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine	
Ann Marie Blasko	28148127A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Lexi Murray	27052484A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Dana Duke	28139811A	Summary Suspension	
Ginger Sullivan	27041861A	Indefinite Probation	
Diane Elaine Anderson	27013000A	Summary Suspension	
Christina Dawn Marshall	27044672A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Karen Lee Dark	28051785A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Shannon Bewley	28151592A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Timothy Feeney	27051824A	Extension of Summary Suspension	
Georgetta Sue Parton	27047507A	Summary Suspension	
Tresha Ann Wooten	28105475A	Summary Suspension	
Gilbert Bagu	28132337A	Summary Suspension	
Holly Marie Pine	27052363A	Summary Suspension	
Jill Jones	27046372A	Summary Suspension	
Roshiella Smith	27051707A	Summary Suspension	
Dustin Childress	27045163A	Summary Suspension	
Mary Elizabeth Nichols	27025720A	Summary Suspension	
Debra Robertson	28097726A	Summary Suspension	
Karla Eastridge	27028947A	Summary Suspension	

January 18, 2007 Board meeting

NAME License Number Board Action Taken

Administrative Hearings

Tina Poe	28106565A	Indefinite Suspension & \$500.00 Fine
Steven Dwayne Archer	27043013A	\$250.00 Fine
Karen Dark	28051785A	Indefinite Suspension, CEU's, & \$500.00 Fine
Beth Janine Snyder	28066564A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Linda Kay Bailey	27022483A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Mia Susan Belcher	28163749A	Indefinite Suspension & \$1,000.00 Fine
Teresa McDaniel	27030068A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Tracy Lee Carmichael	27047766A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Lexi Murray	27052484A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Gary Bernard Miley	28078284A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Timothy Feeney	27051824A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Diane Elaine Anderson	27013000A	Indefinite Suspension & \$500.00 Fine
Tina Flickner	28138711A	Indefinite Suspension, CEU's, & \$750.00 Fin

Shannon Bewley	28151592A	Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Patti Brunk	28124110A	Indefinite Suspension & \$500.00 Fine
Christina Dawn Marshall		Indefinite Suspension & \$250.00 Fine
Jennifer Lynn Reaves	28141683A	Indefinite Probation & \$250.00 Fine
Denise Lynn Harper	28155436A	Letter of Reprimand & \$250.00 Fine
Robin Lynn Davis	27048896A	Indefinite Probation, CEU's, Letter of Reprimand & \$250.00 Fine
Tara Michelle Lutz-Busack	27048526A	Indefinite Probation & \$250.00 Fine
Ruby Ann Probbitt	27030720A	Indefinite Probation & CEU's
Robin Eugene Kelsheimer	27047784A	Indefinite Probation & CEU's
Kimberley Rae Dixon	28127280A	Indefinite Suspension
Christina Gay Lynn Hansel		Extension of Summary
		Suspension Extension of Summary
Jennifer Jane Adamson		Suspension
Dawn Martine		Extension of Summary Suspension
Mary Givens		Extension of Summary Suspension
Eileen Theresa Wendt	27048115A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Kristina Jeaneen Ellison	27050742A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Rhonda Harvey	28141183A	Indefinite Probation & CEU's
Holly Takesue	28102028A	Extension of Summary
•		Suspension
Dawn Gehring	28119176A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Valerie Dawn Thomas	27054195A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Rebecca Lynn Graves	27028695A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Malia Ann Steinmetz	07040071 8	
		Extension of Summary Suspension
Tina Louise Irish	27044206A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Jessica Belby	27050078A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Cynthia Lou Hillman	27029898A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Elizabeth Leon	28106735A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Dana Mathews	28099507A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Pamela Sue Washburn	27031834A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Kenneth Joseph Stofko	28098001A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Amy Gard	27041295A	Extension of Summary Suspension
Jennifer LaPlante Clark	28150795A	•



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